

REMARKS

A first Office Action was mailed on July 13, 2004. Claims 1 – 14 are pending in the present application. With this Response, Applicants propose revisions to FIGs. 4, 14a, 14b, 15 and 16, amend the specification, cancel claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1 and 11 to substantially include the limitations of canceled claim 8. No new matter is introduced. Support for the claim amendments may be found, for example, in Applicants' specification at page 8, line 50 to page 9, line 21, and at page 13, lines 12 to 26.

OBJECTION TO CLAIM

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 8 is objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim 1, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 1. As indicated below, Applicant amends each of independent claim 1 and independent claim 11 to substantially include the limitations of claim 8, and cancels claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to claim 8 be withdrawn.

OBJECTION TO DRAWING

FIG. 4 is objected to as including multiple reference numerals for an individual object (e.g., numerals 31 and 32 and 22, and numerals 30 and 33). Several of these reference numerals were introduced with reference to FIG. 2. Applicant proposes revisions to FIG. 4 to eliminate the redundant reference numerals introduced with FIG. 2, and amends the specification in accordance with these proposed changes

FIG. 5 is also objected to as including a reference numeral (S28) that is not described in the specification. Applicant amends the specification to describe reference numeral S28.

FIGs. 14a, 14b, 15 and 16 are objected for failing to be designated as “Prior Art”. Applicant proposes revisions to FIGs. 14a, 14b, 15 and 16 to designate each of these figures as “Prior Art”.

These proposed revisions to FIGs. 4, 14a, 14b, 15 and 16 are indicated in the attached drawing replacement sheets, provided in both marked-up and clean copies. Applicants respectfully request that the proposed revisions be accepted, and that the objection be withdrawn.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103

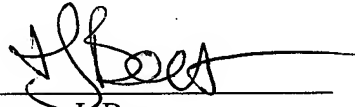
Claims 1 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,529,499 to Doshi et al. Claims 2 – 5, 9, 10, 12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Doshi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,600,735 to Iwama et al. Claims 6, 7 and 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Doshi in view of Iwama and U.S. Patent No. 6,600,734 to Gernert et al.

Applicant’s claims 1 and 11 respectively disclose a method and an apparatus (gateway) for managing and controlling voice calls in an integrated voice and data service network. As discussed above, Applicant amends each of claim 1 and claim 11 to essentially include the limitations of canceled claim 8, which was objected to but deemed to be allowable by the Examiner if rewritten in independent form. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least this reason, amended independent claims 1 and 11 are allowable. As dependent claims 2 – 7, 9, 10 and 12 – 14 each depend from one of allowable claims 1 and 11, Applicant further submits that claims 2 – 7, 9, 10 and 12 – 14 are also allowable for at least this reason.

CONCLUSION

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's objections. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that claims 1 – 7 and 9 - 14, which include independent claims 1 and 11 and the claims that depend therefrom, stand in condition for allowance. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Respectfully submitted,

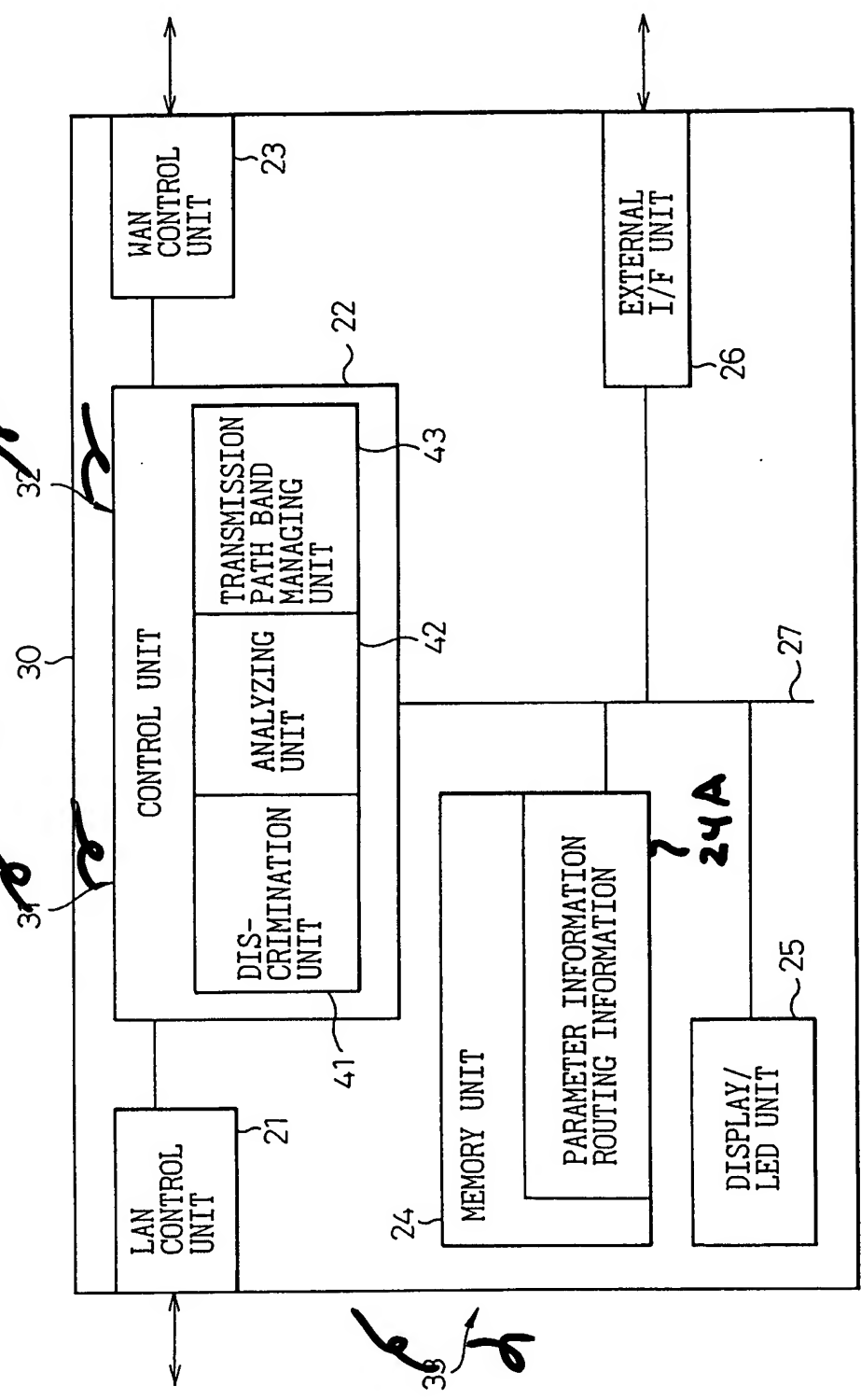


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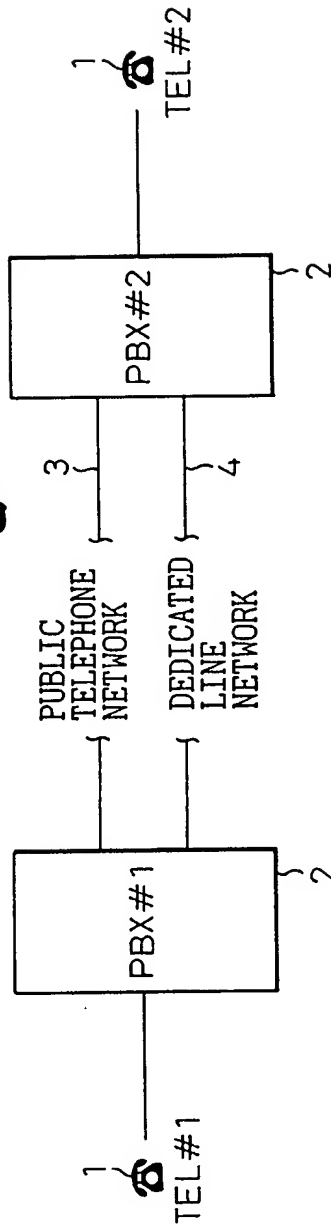
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Fig.4



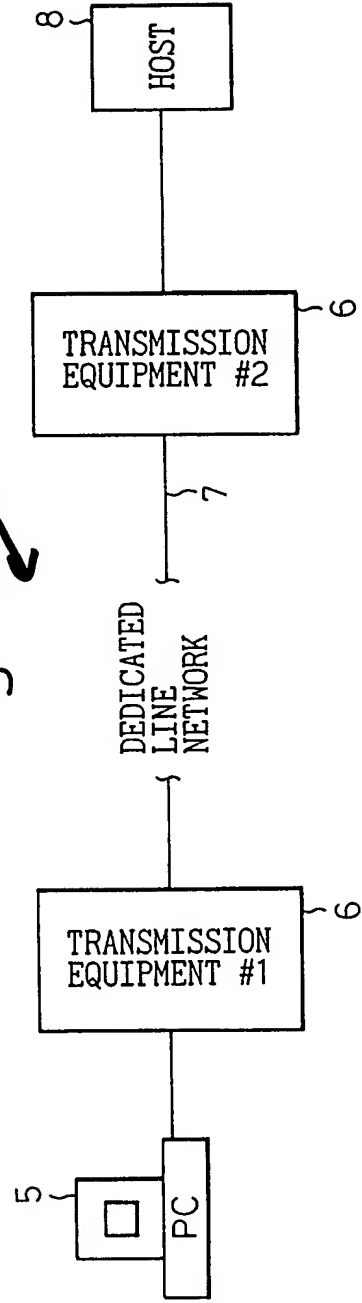
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Fig.14a

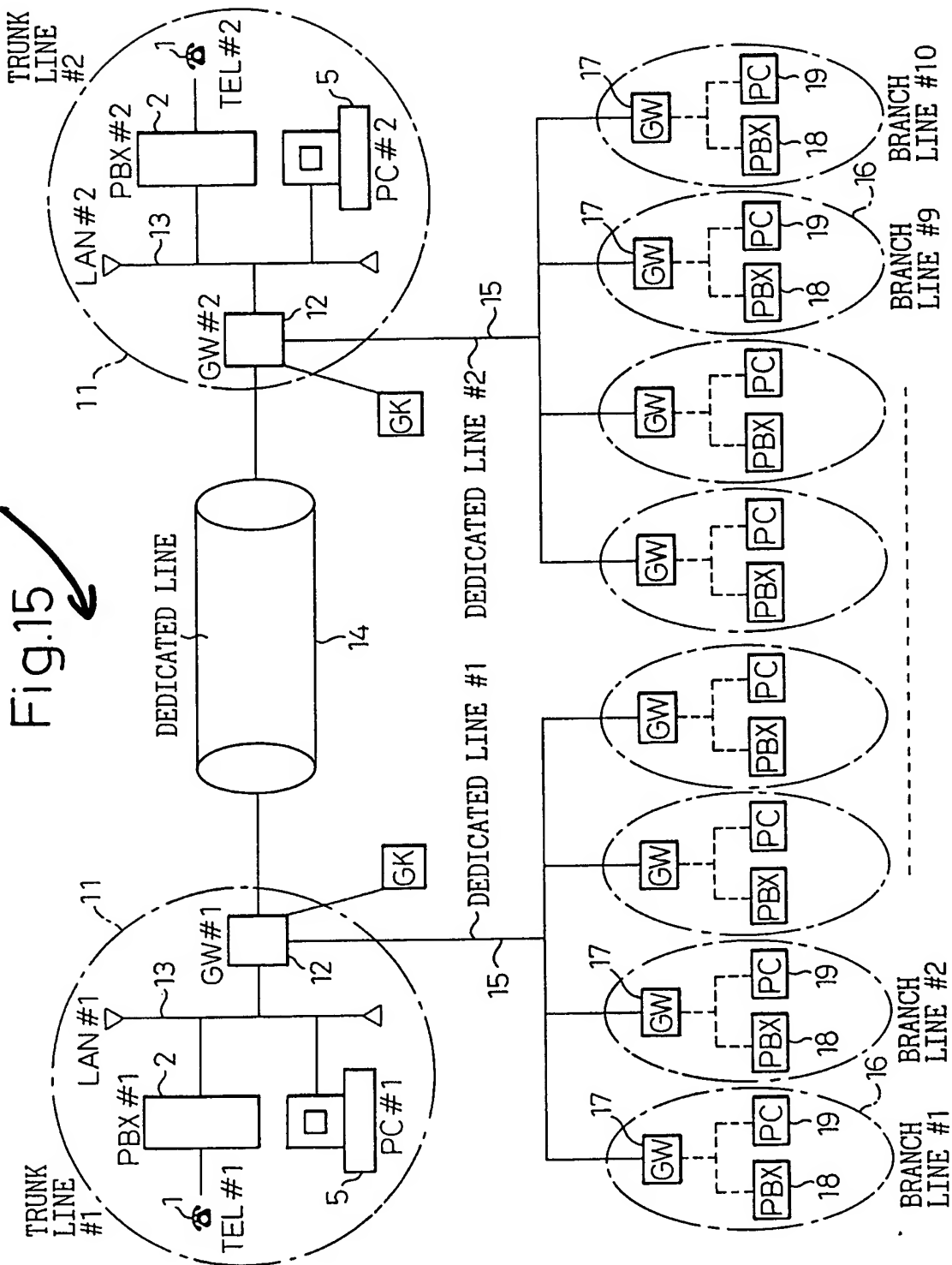


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Fig.14b



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(REPLACEMENT SHEET)

Fig.16 **PRIOR ART**

